

To the Site Evaluation Committee of NH, concerning the proposed Industrial Wind installation as proposed by Antrim Wind Energy,

My name is Katharine Sullivan, I live within the boundaries of the Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary in Antrim NH on a piece of property that was part of the original parcel purchased over a hundred years ago by my Great Grandmother, Elizabeth Whitwell from the Weston family. My grandmother bought the 600+ acres from her mother and established a small homestead here, with the intention that this place would be a place of peace, quiet and a refuge from the chaos we all face in our daily lives.

Upon her death in 1967, the land passed to National Audubon, minus the pieces owned by her children, and soon after that, to NH Audubon. Since that time, NH Audubon has taken care of the land honoring the wishes of my grandmother, that this place continue to be a place where people could come and enjoy the beauty, the quiet and observe wildlife in a setting that is completely natural.

It used to be that people came here mainly in the summer, but over the last 20 years, people come here from all over, all year round, to climb the mountain, hike the lake trail, ski, skate, snowshoe, fish, or just find some nice place to sit down and hear nothing but wind, birds and all the sounds of nature. I have seen license plates from outside of NH, and from Canada, and several times a year, schools from around the area come here on field trips.

On any day you come here, you will find someone who will tell you this is their favorite place to come to for spiritual restoration and a relief from the stresses we all face in our lives.

I had heard that AWE doesn't consider this place special enough to preserve, but it might be argued that they see a money maker for themselves, and are not in a position to see this place the way many others see it, local people as well as tourists. It has been said that when a pickpocket meets a saint, all he sees is pockets. This is the trouble with someone wanting to make money from a place being able to see it as more than

something for them to exploit, arguing that the entrance to the property has houses that they themselves would not care to live in, that there is nothing special here. Those of us who live here, and who come here to see the clear night sky, to kayak around a pristine lake, to hike through a forest where you cannot hear traffic, to sit by the shore and listen to an indignant beaver splashing a warning with his tail, disagree with this evaluation. The dePierrefeu Sanctuary is a very special place, and the loss of it, would be a loss to more than the region of Southern NH.

I will close by saying I am not anti-wind. This particular project will require severely impacting an ecosystem niche in an area that has been zoned a rural conservation district. The towers will be visible from everywhere, will light up the night sky, interfere with wildlife and ruin what is an otherwise lovely oasis in a part of NH where there are dwindling places of natural beauty that are not privately owned. Robbing the region to power the utilities of someplace hundreds of miles away is not alternative energy, it is the same old model of big corporations making money by exploiting people without the money to say no. NH has already said “no” to AWE a couple of times. They do not seem to hear it, and have sent their proposal back with very little changed, certainly not enough to make a difference in the impact all the blasting and cutting and road building that will be needed to put in an industrial sized utility. I am hoping, in adding my voice to the other intervenors, that the SEC will stand firm on their previous decisions and make this refusal the last one necessary.

Sincerely,

Katharine Sullivan